

# PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SEATTLE SYMPHONY'S AWARD OF ORCHESTRA OF THE YEAR FOR 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Seattle Symphony held its first live performance on December 29, 1903; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998 the Seattle Symphony inaugurated Benaroya Hall, now celebrating its 20th anniversary of welcoming over 400,000 visitors per year to over 400 events presented by the Symphony and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the Seattle Symphony include striving for excellence, creating a culture that reflects its values, and building meaningful connections with its communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2017, the Seattle Symphony epitomized these values by presenting, on short notice, the free Music Without Borders: Voices from the Seven concert, in response to the executive order restricting travel and immigration from seven Muslim-majority nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seattle Symphony's 90 instrumentalists and the 120 volunteer members of the Seattle Symphony Chorus dedicate themselves to unleashing the power of music, bringing people together, and lifting the human spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seattle Symphony is heard from September through July by more than 500,000 people locally through live performances and radio broadcasts and reaches 65,000 children and adults through its education and community programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seattle Symphony has recorded over 150 albums, which has resulted in a global audience, 23 Grammy Award nominations, 3 Grammy Awards since 2015, two Emmy Awards, and numerous other accolades; and

**WHEREAS**, Ludovic Morlot has served as Music Director from 2011, presenting critically acclaimed performances and thrilling us with his innovative programming; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 the Seattle Symphony launched Seattle Symphony Media, which has released 21 recordings with Grammy-winning engineer and producer Dmitriy Lipay; and

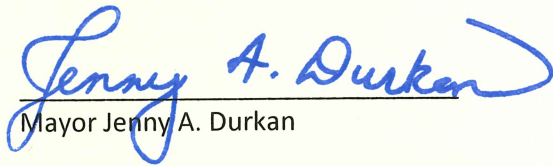
**WHEREAS**, the Seattle Symphony was one of eight international ensembles nominated for the Orchestra of the Year Award by *Gramophone*, which recognizes artistic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, at the 2018 *Gramophone* Classical Music Awards in London, the Seattle Symphony was named Orchestra of the Year; and

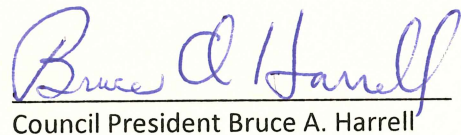
**WHEREAS**, an essay in *Gramophone* honoring the Seattle Symphony noted, "The orchestra has transformed itself into a cherished, integral component of the cultural life of its rapidly growing home city through imaginative programming, collaborations with artists from a diversity of genres, and initiatives that mirror the progressive vision of its audience (including work with the homeless and inmates of local prisons)."

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council and Mayor honor the Seattle Symphony for winning the 2018 Orchestra of the Year Award, and hereby proclaim September 24, 2018 to be:

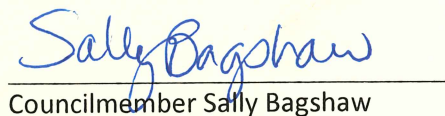
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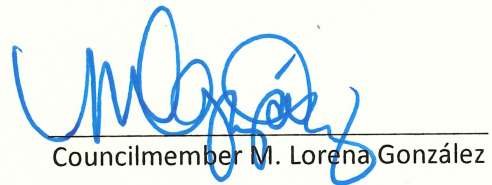
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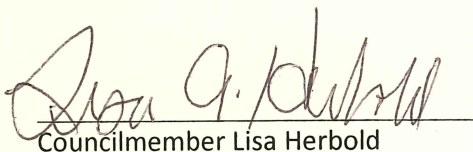
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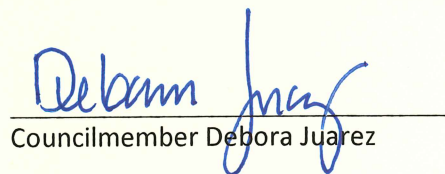
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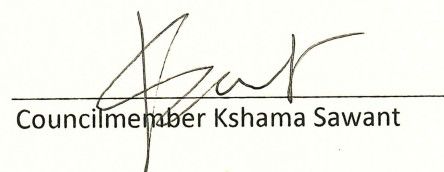
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